

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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METROPOLITAN COUNCIL,)
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Defendant.)
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MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Civil Action No. 99-CV-1105
(DWF/AVB)

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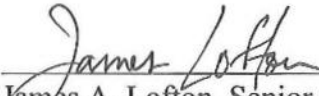
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Pursuant to Paragraph 74 of the proposed decree and 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, the United States will promptly publish notice in the Federal Register that the decree has been lodged with the Court for a limited period of time to provide an opportunity for public comment, and the United States will provide the public 30 days from the date of the Federal Register notice to submit comments on the proposed decree to the United States. Thereafter, the United States will provide the Court with all comments received and will advise the Court whether the United States seeks the Court's approval of the decree

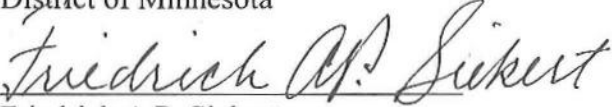
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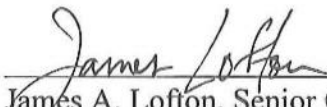
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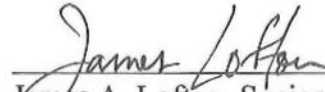
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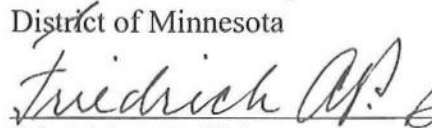
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